

centuries. It will ever be more expensive to dispose of these wastes properly. The wastes which our society consign to environmental...to the environment wash up on our beaches, collect in our road ditches and along our fence rows. It discourages tourism and invites lawsuits. It threatens the health and happiness of humans, wildlife and livestock. In fact, I recently had a letter from a constituent living near a landfill who had lost a cow that had ingested plastic litter blown into her pasture. That, to me, is a cost associated with plastic packaging regardless of who pays it. Senator Hefner's language represents a reasonable compromise. By adopting his amendment to the committee amendment, we would be phasing in the regulation of degradable plastics for personal consumption products, such as the trash bags and the disposable diapers that are used almost exclusively in the home. It would provide a fair test...

SPEAKER BARRETT: One minute.

SENATOR L. JOHNSON: ...of the biodegradable products to see if they are accepted by the general public and can be incorporated into everyday use. In a small but a significant way, we will be letting the public decide the future of degradable plastics. I would encourage each of us to support the Hefner amendments and then advance LB 325 without further amendment. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. The Chair is pleased to advise the body that we have some special guests in the north balcony. We have 47 members of the Statesmen Club from in and near Treynor, Iowa. Would you folks please stand and be recognized. Thank you. We're very happy to have you with us this afternoon. Please come back. Also, Senator Rod Johnson is proud to announce that his brother, Nick, is visiting and Nick Johnson is under the north balcony. Please take a bow, Nick. From Sutton, Nebraska, Nick Johnson. Thank you. We're glad to have you too. Further discussion on the first part of the Hefner amendment. Senator Nelson.

SENATOR NELSON: Question.

SPEAKER BARRETT: The question has been called. Do I see five hands? I do. Those in favor of ceasing debate, please vote aye, opposed nay. Shall debate cease? Record, please.